1 THE HONORABLE LAUREN KING 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 8 AT SEATLE 9 10 LEO'S WELDING and FABRICATION, LLC, a IN ADMIRALTY Washington limited liability company 11 NO. 2:25-cv-00625-LK 12 Plaintiff, MOTION TO ISSUE WARRANT FOR v. 13 ARREST OF VESSEL 14 HANNAH, Official Number 1067457, her machinery, engines, equipment, cargo NOTE ON MOTION CALENDAR: 15 appurtenances, in rem and SAYAK LOGISTICS, Tuesday, April 29, 2025 LLC, a Alaska limited liability company dba 16 NORTHLINE SEAFOODS in personam; 17 Defendants. 18 19 20 Plaintiff Leo's Welding and Fabrication, LLC ("Plaintiff"), by and through counsel of 21 record, in accordance with Rule C(3) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime 22 Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions ("Supplemental Admiralty Rules") and Local Admiralty 23 Rule 116, requests that the Court authorize the clerk to issue a Warrant for Arrest of defendant 24 vessel, HANNAH, Official Number 1067457, her machinery, engines, equipment, cargo and 25

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appurtenances ("Vessel"). This motion is based upon the information set forth in the Verified Complaint to Enforce Maritime Lien, Breach of Contract, and for Damages *in Rem* and *In Personam* filed on April 8, 2025 ("Complaint").

- 1. Supplemental Admiralty Rules C(1)(a) provides that an action in rem may be brought to enforce a maritime lien. If conditions for an *in rem* action exist, then the court must issue an order directing the clerk to issue a warrant for the arrest of the vessel or other property that is subject to the action. Supplemental Admiralty Rules C(3)(a).
- 2. As set forth in the Complaint, Plaintiff seeks to enforce a maritime lien for machinery and necessities recorded on December 17, 2024. *Compl. 3.8*. The lien is based upon *in personam* defendant Sayak Logistics' breaching of a contract with plaintiff wherein plaintiff provided various machinery, fabrication, engine room and upper deck piping, and other necessaries for the Vessel to operate during the 2024 Bristol Bay commercial salmon season. *Compl. 2.5*.
- 3. All charges under the contract, as set forth in 107 separate invoices, were reasonable, and were provided on the order of Ben Blakey, CEO and member of defendant Sayak Logistics LLC. *Compl. 3.7*.
- 4. 46 U.S. Code § 31342 provides that upon making an adequate showing establishing the existence of a maritime lien under, plaintiff may bring a civil action *in rem* to enforce the lien against the Vessel.
- 5. The Vessel is now located at the Fairhaven Shipyard, 201 Harris Avenue, Bellingham, Washington, which is within this District and subject to the jurisdiction of this Court. *Decl. Fowler-proposed custodian 2.4.* When the Verified Complaint was filed the vessel was located at the Bellingham Shipping Terminal, 661 Cornwall Avenue, Bellingham, Washington 98225 *Compl. 2.3.*

- 6. The Vessel is steel construction and has no mechanical propulsion. The Vessel is 379.8 feet in length, 100 feet in breadth, and 21.5 feet in depth. The Vessel has a gross tonnage of 14,128 (ITC) and a net tonnage of 5,119 (ITC). The primary operational endorsements listed on the Certificate of Documentation are Fishery, Registry and Coastwise. The Vessel's International Maritime Organization (IMO) is 294 and Official No. 1067457. The Vessel's hailing port is Dillingham, Alaska. *Compl. 2.4*.
- 7. Based upon the foregoing, Plaintiff respectfully submits the requirements of Supplemental Rule C (3) have been met and, therefore, this Court should authorize the issuance of a Warrant for Arrest.

DATED 28th day of April 2025.

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